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THE news that this country seems to hold a world record in traffic accidents is shocking but unfortunately not surprising. There are some 40,000 motor vehicles in the country, and no less than 47,368 traffic offences were reported in 1951; in 18,000 cases for excessive speed or careless driving. Last year's toll was 189 killed and 1,149 seriously injured. Statistically, one in every 30 motor vehicles was the cause of a fatal or otherwise serious accident. The picture becomes gloomier still in the light of the statement that more than half the victims were children.

DEATH ON THE ROAD

Every new and then we are told that serious measures are being taken by the Traffic Safety Section of the Ministry of Communications in cooperation with the Police. The Army, too, seems to have tightened up its regulations - necessary since a considerable number of accidents are caused by military drivers. In fairness to the drivers and other motorists it should be added that pedestrians are often to blame.

Whatever the circumstances in individual accidents, the overall picture is such that a complete review of the present traffic control system has become imperative. The present scale of fines should be revised and summary procedures introduced. If there are still only 370 traffic policemen in the whole country, as was the case last year, their number must be increased - and close cooperation between the various security organs assured. Pedestrians crossing roads or contravening regulations must be brought to justice just as the driver who exceeds speed limits, blinds other people with his headlights, or talks to his neighbour while driving. On the positive side, better markings on the roads, one-way traffic, more distinctive markings for drivers with a clean record, and a well planned safety propaganda by newspaper, radio, cinema and poster will be helpful. Everything must be done to erase this black record; there is no excuse for delay.

TRADE UNION TASKS

THE British Trade Union Congress has concluded its annual Conference and as the world's oldest and most powerful trade union body has naturally been followed with interest by governments and working class movements throughout the world over, for a hint as to how their own problems might be approached. The results of the Congress are not impressive. As was expected, resolutions calling for a cut in armaments and for a changed foreign policy were defeated; the trade unions traditionally leave foreign policy to the Labour leadership. The proposal to increase East-West trade was passed unanimously, though its sponsors and supporters could not claim to have discovered the possibility for such trade exist to any extent, or the Soviet leaders really desire them. It is difficult to avoid the impression that the Congress opted the resolution with such great enthusiasm partly from a subconscious desire to avoid a more searching examination into their responsibilities in face of the country's economic difficulties.

The Conservative proposal to denationalize transport were roundly denounced, though the meeting gave no indication of what measures it would take to implement its disapproval. Yet the British transport system faces severe economic problems, for which neither politicians nor opponents of nationalization offer any detailed or helpful proposals. The Trade Union have opposed any nationalization, which would have cut down the transport system's inflated labour force, and have done little to give the workers a "new" approach. Now that the Congress must be said to have opted for the need for higher productivity and greater efficiency of labour, improved industrial discipline and, above all, an end to the strikes and threat of strikes used by the unions against employers to secure in labour. In the long run the British welfare state will be judged by its success in raising productivity, and unless the Trade Union movement is able to play a far greater part in this, the country's future is bleak, considering today's economic conditions. In our tradition of making the economic and social level of the working class, it may be by weakening the standing of democratic institutions.

U.S. Internees May Be Tried As Spies

By ROBERT FRANKLIN

HONG KONG.

SOME of the 10 American civilians still languishing in Chinese Communist prisons may soon be publicly tried as spies, it is believed here. They are being held incommunicado and, so far as is known, have never been brought to trial. Several have been prisoners for more than two years.

Nothing definite is yet known about the Communist intentions towards this unfortunate minority of the 140 Americans still left in the country. But, in their interrogations of Americans and other foreigners who have since been allowed to leave China, Communist officials have pressed for information about the alleged espionage activities of a number of the Americans still held.

And if some are to be tried as spies, the Communists undoubtedly will make great propaganda out of the occasion. For this reason it is believed that some such trials may be used to set the mood for the Asian and Pacific peace conference to be staged in Peking later this month, the primary purpose of which is to promote anti-American sentiment and divide the United States and her Western allies, notably Britain and the Commonwealth countries.

Meanwhile, nothing is known of the fate of the imprisoned 50. All attempts by the State Department, working through Britain and India, to learn details of their treatment or even their whereabouts, have been rebuffed by the Chinese. In this respect, at least, they are in worse case than William Oatis, the American newspaperman serving sentence for "espionage" in Czechoslovakia, for he has been visited by a State Department representative.

Those who have been released had a bad enough time of it - solitary confinement, scanty vegetable meals that in a number of cases led to beri beri (a deficiency disease, causing weakness and dropsy), solitary confinement, some physical torture and almost always the totalitarian torturer's latest refinement - brutal interrogations by relays of inquisitors sometimes lasting 24 or more hours at a time. Yet some of those who have come out had been arrested for suspected espionage, in Communist eyes the greatest crime of all.

In the American group there are three post-graduate students, one commercial pilot, four businessmen, sixteen Catholic missionaries (including five bishops) and twelve Protestant missionaries.

Jerusalem Dogs' Field Trial



Up and over! Mr. David's Alsatian "Rex" performs to take first place

THE "Jerusalem Doglovers' Association," a member society of the Israel Kennel Club, last Saturday held their first Field Trial on their training grounds between the Municipal Garden and the Mishalim cemetery. Nearly all of the 100 members of the association and many juvenile spectators were present. Twelve service-dogs faced the jury headed by Mr. Walker, president of the Kennel Club, and the club trainer W. Rosenbaum.

The Field Trial was the first ever held in the State of Israel and counted as a "Beginners' Trial," restricted to obedience tests. Many of the candidates were war-faded veterans of the War of Liberation. The judges were rather strict. Despite many performance striking to the layman's eye, not a single "excellent" was awarded.

Of the 12 candidates, three were Alsatians, six Boxers, a Great Dane and two dogs of uncertain parentage. One of them, a shaggy fellow, was the only one to fail the examination. (I regret to report this as I have a great sympathy for shaggy dogs and shaggy people.)

Vocal Success

The first place went to Mr. David's Alsatian "Rex". Second was Mr. Rosenbaum's Boxer "Marshall". Two third places with equal points were awarded to Mr. Rosenbaum's Boxer "Diana". Quality was even and, the Alsatian secured first place because he consented to bark on command, which his competitors, more taciturn Boxers, refused.

PICASSO HOAX

IT was all a hoax, the statement of Picasso's "Bureau" on last Monday's sensational report that Pablo Picasso had confessed to being only a public artist, not a painter, was not a hoax. Picasso had confessed to being only a public artist, not a painter, was not a hoax. Picasso had confessed to being only a public artist, not a painter, was not a hoax.

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NATURE NOTES

Snake in the Grass

WHEN we first came to this country and built our house on a piece of dry, waste land, we had many encounters with snakes. Like the next man, I prefer being on the safe side, and there being nobody in the village at that time from whom authentic information was to be got, I am afraid I killed a good many harmless, and in fact useful snakes. Local elementary school teachers were sadly lacking in nature lore. Even then, however, I was told that the big Black snake (Coluber jugoslavicus) was non-poisonous and a first-rate mouse, and in fact we had one later in our shed, where it lived for many years. But 30 years ago I proudly bottled and donated to the school a snake I had out in half with my snake, with a perfectly good tale appearing

Readers' Letters

PARKING METERS

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, - In his letter, your issue of September 3, J.G.R. has enumerated the disadvantages of the parking meter. Here are some arguments in favour of this traffic regulator:
The meter will give a parking chance to three to five times more motorists who have to make short calls on banks, post offices or other government offices.
There is no argument with parking meters as to the parking time expired, as compared to a traffic sign restricting that period.
The money collected or part of it can be put to use to build adequate parking sites in other parts of the town.
Yours, etc.,
A. MEHONITAI
Jerusalem, September 3.

ART COMMITTEE

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, - I was very pleased indeed that your paper published an article by Th. F. Meyers on the Biennale in Venice. Without discussing whether the choice of paintings was good or bad, I would like to know if it is right for one person to decide which paintings or pictures should be chosen for such an important international exhibition? In countries with far greater experience in organizing exhibitions and in the administration of museums, for instance in England, the most important exhibitions are organized by the Art Council in conjunction with the British Council. I also noticed that Mr. Narkiss, an experienced museum administrator and an art expert, resigned from the Committee.
Jerusalem, August 30.

KEEPING POSTED

BEING rather more ignorant of geography than most people, we looked at the map in last Friday's paper with only a slight misgiving, and a feeling that General Nagib was probably up to no good, getting Egypt up there in the right



hand corner, apparently well East of Turkey. After a while somebody came up to us and suggested that something had gone wrong in the engraving department - wasn't the map either upside down, or seen from the back? The lettering seemed to be in the proper places, as we said so, it couldn't be a mistake; they countered that that wasn't the way the map looked when they went to school, but of course nowadays you couldn't know. A little later we discovered three members of another family ranged round a table, trying to get their bearings on the map, all of them getting a crick in their neck in the process. There was nothing wrong with the map really of course, except that it was drawn by somebody standing in Yugoslavia, and looking south-east, and drawing what he saw from there.

A topographical point a little nearer home has been settled successfully by the Post Office. Sir Ronald Storrs, first Governor of Jerusalem in mandatory times, named and renamed a number of streets in the city, giving prominence to crusader and Roman notabilities (these included the infamous Emperor Julian who, for reasons that were never quite understood, imprisoned himself on the public at St. John's, and appeared that way regularly on the stationery of business firms and even in the name of a hotel). In the end a street was also named for Sir Ronald himself - Storrs Street - and, in due course, when the street was named, Storrs Street, changed to Baker Street (Cyprus). But the Post Office also unhelpfully forwarded letters addressed to Sir Ronald Hamshamton by people who have simply translated into Hebrew what they change took to be "Storrs Street."

ed that out-rail travel is apt to be uncomfortable. The most pungent complaints that we heard, however, came from a lady rising 70 who had applied to one of the choir to join the trip as she had been looking for some time for an opportunity to visit Israel. Each of the choir members took a few such "passengers." In countries with far greater experience in organizing exhibitions and in the administration of museums, for instance in England, the most important exhibitions are organized by the Art Council in conjunction with the British Council. I also noticed that Mr. Narkiss, an experienced museum administrator and an art expert, resigned from the Committee.

A correspondent writes from Tel Aviv that he bought his month's ration and the grocer figured out on the back of a box of cigarettes that the lot came to about IL1.500. The man jabbed two vicious lines under the final figure, and mumbled bitterly to himself, "That's what he pays - and on the black market he would have paid five pounds and not said a word."

WE hear from an acquaintance who has been working hard trying to build up a little farm that she had an unexpectedly good crop of beans and recruited help from a nearby market to get them in before they spoiled. The man sent was a Yemenite, patriarchal, friendly and talkative, but very slow indeed with the

beans. After a while she remembered with him - long should have been on the farm rather settled, she said, two years, but that was long enough to know how to pick beans. "No, no," he said, "this is a different matter. I thought you had been here a long time, and had already become rich, and that I need not hurry. But if you are an immigrant like myself, I will pick faster." and he began to work like a Blacksmith.



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Today's contributions include: R. Samuel, M. Schindler, Ben Yair and Jairo, Tel Aviv.

BUSINESS DIGEST

THIS WEEK: LITTLE TAX GUIDE

(Personal Credits and Rates of Tax)

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QUEENSLAND INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1951 (adjusted to nearest pound)

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL - 1,000,000 Shares of £1 each	1,000,000	GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE (1951)	2,000,000
ISSUED CAPITAL - 1,000,000 Shares of £1 each	1,000,000	CASH DEPOSITS - 24,700	
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES - 700,000 Shares of £1 each fully paid	700,000	FIXED DEPOSITS - 200,000	
Less: 700,000 Shares of £1 each paid to 10/10/51	700,000	Municipal Bonds & Debentures (All Govt. Sec.)	20,000
		Freehold Properties (All Govt. Sec.)	1,000,000
Less: 700,000 Shares of £1 each paid to 10/10/51	700,000	Shares, Bonds and Debentures in other Companies (All Govt. Sec. Excluded)	200,000
		Loans on Mortgage - 700,000	
Reserve Fund - 1,100,000		Cash Deposits at Call - 100,000	
Reserve for Unexpired Risks - 1,100,000		Cash in Hand and at Banks - 207,000	
Sundry Creditors, Provision for Contingencies, Claims and Reinsurance Unpaid and Trade Balances - 1,100,000			
Profit and Loss Account - 1,100,000			
In respect of Guarantees and Unpaid Capital on Shares in other Companies - 1,100,000			
The Reserves are wholly used in the Business.	1,100,000		
	1,100,000		

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1951

(adjusted to nearest pound)

To Losses - 1,134,171		By Reserve for Unexpired Risks at 30/9/50	1,100,000
* Charges (including Directors' Fees £5,000)	513,428	* Premium Less Reinsurance & Returns	2,000,000
* Less, Income and other Taxes and Profits	300,000	* Interest and Rents	200,000
Less Rates and Taxes on Interest and Rents, and Property Maintenance	100,000	Less Rates and Taxes thereon and Property Maintenance	100,000
* Contribution to Staff Provident Assoc.	10,000		
* Reserve for Unexpired Risks at 30/9/51	1,200,000		
* Balance Carried Down - 300,000			
	300,000		
* Interim Dividend Paid 30/9/51	40,000		
* Balance - 300,000			
	300,000		

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF BUSINESS IN ISRAEL

for the period from October 1, 1950 to September 30, 1951 (Adjusted to the nearest IL.)

DEBIT	IL.	CREDIT
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